

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to amend the relationship of the subject U.S. national application to previously filed applications as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.78. In addition, claims 2-6, 18, 24, 28 are cancelled. Claims 1, 7-17, 19-23, 25-27, 29-30 remain active in the application. No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

With the entry of the foregoing amendments, the application is believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Consideration of the claims, leading to their allowance and passage of the application to issuance, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

One embodiment of the present invention is directed to the use of a novel competitive exclusion bacterial composition to prevent or reduce *Salmonella* or *Campylobacter* colonization in poultry.